

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A tire sealant composition for pneumatic tires comprising:

~~a naturally-derived-carrier fluid~~ comprising a fluid derived from at least one of sorghum, cane, sugar beet, corn, soybean, and lumber; and
at least one polymeric material comprising at least ground rubber,
wherein the composition remains fluid in use and is non-corrosive.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The tire sealant composition of claim 1, wherein the viscosity of the ~~naturally-derived~~ carrier fluid is greater than 1000 cP.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The tire sealant composition of claim 1, wherein said ~~naturally-derived~~ carrier fluid comprises at least one of liquid molasses and corn syrup.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The tire sealant composition of claim 3, wherein the ~~naturally-derived~~ carrier fluid is desugared.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The tire sealant composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one fibrous material selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool, flax, nylon, rayon, wollastonite, rock-wool, cotton, glass, polyester, Kevlar, and polypropylene.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The tire sealant composition of claim 5, wherein said at least one fibrous material is fire-retardant.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The tire sealant composition of claim 1, further comprising water.

Claims 8-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) A method of for sealing a tire comprising the steps of:

providing a tire;

at least partially filling the tire with a composition which is a fluid comprising a ~~naturally derived~~ carrier fluid and at least one fibrous material, wherein the carrier fluid comprises a fluid derived from at least one of sorghum, cane, sugar beet, corn, soybean, and lumber, and wherein the composition remains fluid in use and is non-corrosive;

puncturing the tire during use;

allowing the composition to flow to the puncture, wherein the composition fills and seals the puncture.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of at least partially filling the tire with the composition is accomplished by spraying the composition on the innerliner of the tire.

Claim 16 (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of at least partially filling the tire with the composition is accomplished by providing the composition in a bag that is placed on the air chamber of the tire and bursts during rotation of the tire in use and releases the composition onto the innerliner of the tire.

Claim 17 (currently amended) A method of for sealing a punctured tire comprising the steps of:

providing a punctured tire;

providing a pressurized container having at least in part a composition which is a fluid comprising a ~~naturally-derived~~ carrier fluid and at least one fibrous material, wherein the carrier fluid comprises a fluid derived from at least one of sorghum, cane, sugar beet, corn, soybean, and lumber, and wherein the composition remains fluid in use and is non-corrosive;

allowing the composition to flow to the puncture, wherein the composition fills and seals the puncture.